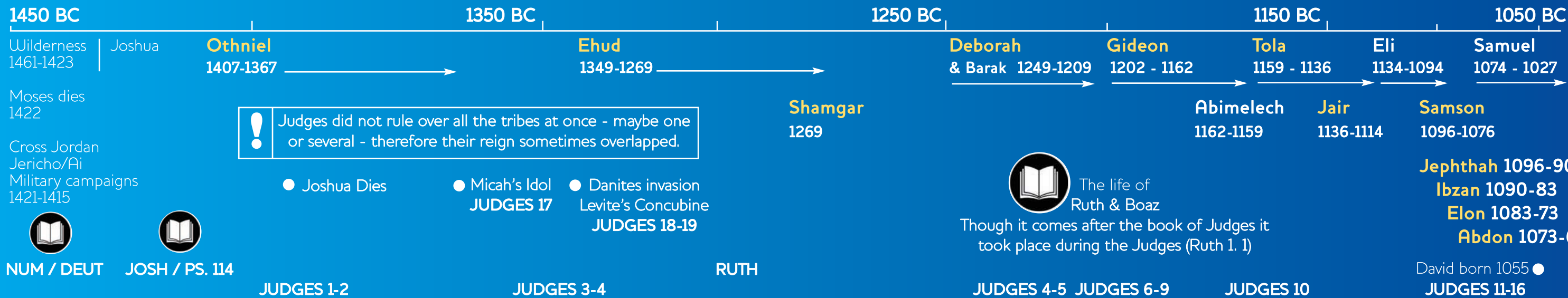


Judges of Israel timeline 1415 - 1065 BC Out of approx. 400 years of the Judges there was approx. 290 years when they enjoyed peace yet a steady decline spiritually. *Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, Ruth 1. 1*



! Judges did not rule over all the tribes at once - maybe one or several - therefore their reign sometimes overlapped.



The life of Ruth & Boaz

Though it comes after the book of Judges it took place during the Judges (Ruth 1. 1)

The book of Joshua

The book of Ruth

Judge	Scripture	Tribe	Years of rebellion	Years of peace	Enemy	Notes
Othniel	Judges 3. 7-11; 1. 12-14	Judah	8	40	MESOPOTAMIANS	A spiritual man is good with his sword!
Ehud	Judges 3.12-30	Benjamin	18	80	MOABITES	Disabled but with left hand on sword - dangerous!
Shamgar	Judges 3. 31	Not known	N/A	N/A	PHILISTINES	One verse, but he did what he could with an Ox goad
Deborah	Judges 4 - 5. 31	Ephraim	20	40	CANAANITES	Only woman to judge, helped by another woman, Jael!
Gideon	Judges 6 - 8. 32	Manasseh	7	40	MIDIANITES	Victorious with a small army, but faith in God's word.
Tola	Judges 10. 1-2	Issachar	N/A	23	UNKNOWN	Deliverance from the hill-country.
Jair	Judges 10. 3-5	Manasseh	N/A	22	UNKNOWN	30 sons, 30 donkeys and 30 cities - A balanced judge!
Jephthah	Judges 10 - 12. 7	Manasseh	18	6	PHILISTINES / AMMONITES	Despised & rejected, but sympathetic to the people
Ibzan	Judges 12. 8-10	Judah	N/A	7	UNKNOWN	Bethlehemite - 60 sons and daughters married outside.
Elon	Judges 12. 11-12	Zebulun	N/A	10	UNKNOWN	From Zebulun he led for 10 years quietly - no fuss!
Abdon	Judges 12. 13-15	Ephraim	N/A	8	UNKNOWN	A grandfather judge with 40 sons and 30 grandsons.
Samson	Judges 13-16	Dan	40	20	PHILISTINES	Nazarite who started well, went down, but mentioned in Hebrews 11!

'And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel', Judg. 2. 7

'Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son', Deut. 7. 3

'And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods', Judg 3. 6

*Potential for blessing
...perpetual in failure*

'In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes', Judg. 21. 25

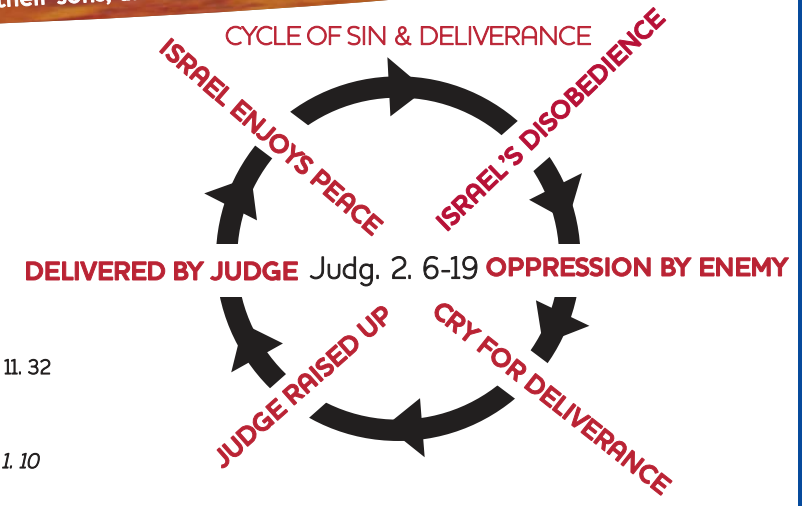
'Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them', Judg. 2. 16

New Testament references to Judges

Heb. 11. 32 'And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae', Heb. 11. 32

Christ the deliverer

'Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son', Col. 1. 13
'And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come', 1 Thess. 1. 10



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